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MEMORANDUM FOR: Alien File Regarding Gang Affiliation

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Purpose

This correspondence serves to memorialize the subject's affiliation with a violent street gang and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigation's (HSI) classification as a Gang Member.

Background

[REDACTED] is a national and citizen of El Salvador. [REDACTED] entered the United States at or near an unknown place on or about an unknown date without being admitted/inspected by an Immigration Officer. [REDACTED] has been issued and served a Notice to Appear.

HSI Long Island, Violent Gangs and Narcotics Unit (VGNU), has been targeting transnational criminal organizations for investigation, prosecution, and dismantling. [REDACTED] has been identified as an MS-13 gang member by the Suffolk County Police Department Gang Unit.

The MS-13 gang is a large transnational criminal organization with thousands of members and associates throughout the United States, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico and other countries. The MS-13 gang is among the most violent transnational street gangs in the United States; it specializes in crimes of violence, including murder, attempted murder, rape,

kidnapping, violent armed assaults, firearms offenses, weapons related crimes, drug distribution, intimidation, prostitution, extortion and robbery.

The MS-13 gang consists of cliques, or factions, located throughout the United States and is unique in that it retains its ties to its counterparts in El Salvador. MS-13 has cliques in California, Washington DC, Oregon, Alaska, Arkansas, Texas, Nevada, Utah, Oklahoma, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Massachusetts, New York and several other states.

Criminal Record and Pattern of Criminal Gang Activity

- On February 27, 2017 [REDACTED] was causing problems for a teacher at Brentwood High School. He was brought down to the Principal's office and had 503 written all over his notebook, a known MS-13 sign. He was also with [REDACTED], a confirmed MS-13 member.
- On May 17, 2017 [REDACTED] was stopped by Suffolk County PD and was interviewed with multiple confirmed MS-13 gang members. [REDACTED] has been identified by Brentwood High School SRO as associated with MS-13.
- [REDACTED] has been encountered multiple times with confirmed MS-13 members by both Suffolk County PD and HSI.
- [REDACTED] has been witnessed with [REDACTED], a known MS-13 member with a 2nd degree weapons charge who had taken a leadership role in the MS-13 BLS (Brentwood Clique).

Discussion

[REDACTED] has been classified as an MS-13 member by HSI predicated on the following.

- [REDACTED] has been identified as a probable member of MS-13 by the Suffolk County Police Department Gang Unit.
- [REDACTED] has been encountered in the company of known MS-13 gang members on multiple occasions.
- [REDACTED] was reported to be causing problems at Brentwood High School, and was found in possession with known MS-13 writings (503) in his notebook in the company of a confirmed MS-13 member.

Conclusion

In light of [REDACTED]'s affiliation to a violent street gang, he should not be afforded any type of immigration services, relief, benefit or otherwise released from custody pending the outcome of removal proceedings.